

Rodeo. Weldon's Saddle Shop is a family affair and will continue its successes under the capable assistance of his daughter Kippie Wilkerson, and her two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I stand here today and congratulate the 50th year of business for Weldon's Saddle Shop and Western Wear. I am honored to serve Mr. Weldon Burgoon in the U.S. House of Representatives.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LT. TOM BROWN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Lt. Tom Brown, my high school classmate, who died in service to his country on the 20th day of November, 1944, during combat in World War II. Having recently celebrated Veterans Day, we remember and honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed for this country. These veterans, such as Lt. Brown, gave their lives in the defense of those freedoms that we enjoy today.

On the 19th of November, 1944, American forces were attacking positions in and around Schleiden, Germany. Part of Company "K" became pinned down under heavy enemy fire and was in danger of suffering heavy casualties. Lt. Brown, a platoon leader at the time, recognized the gravity of the situation and leapt to his feet. Shouting words of encouragement to his men, he charged the enemy, firing as he ran. Upon seeing this courageous example set by their leader in the face of the enemy, the rest of the men followed his lead and took up the assault. So surprised was the enemy that a large number were either destroyed or taken prisoner. Led by Lt. Brown, the platoon moved into its' sector of the town with a minimum of casualties. On the basis of these heroic actions, Lt. Brown was recommended for the Silver Star.

Tragically, the following day, while attacking Neidermer, Lt. Brown, leading his men, was moving through the left side of the town when an enemy machine gun opened fire from a basement window and killed him instantly. Although his men immediately destroyed the enemy position, his loss was a great blow to the Battalion and was keenly felt by the men.

In a letter to his family, Lt. Col. Roger S. Whiteford noted, "The courage, initiative, leadership, and indomitable fortitude displayed by Lt. Brown at the time definitely saved the lives of some of his men and materially aided in the successful continuation of the attack. By his outstanding devotion to duty in accomplishing these heroic deeds, Lt. Brown gained the greatest respect and admiration of all the officers and men and the Battalion mourns his loss not only as that of a highly capable and exceptional leader but also as a true friend."

Lt. Tom Brown reminds us of the great sacrifices made by the many men and women of our armed services who regard the safety of this nation more highly than their own personal comfort and safety. I ask my colleagues to honor the service of one who gave his life in service to our Nation—Lt. Tom Brown.

RECOGNIZING UNC'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN WOMEN'S SOCCER

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Women's Soccer Team. Under the leadership of Head Coach Anson Dorrance, the team won its 18th National Championship on Sunday, December 3, defeating Notre Dame 2-1.

The Lady Tar Heels won 27 games in a row on their way to claiming the championship trophy. Led by senior Heather O'Reilly and freshman Casey Nogueira, this outstanding group of athletes was the embodiment of tenacity, determination, and teamwork. Their passion, talent, and success have inspired us all, and they have been the perfect role models for younger female athletes all across our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to recognize Coach Anson Dorrance. In the 27 years that women's soccer has been an official NCAA Division 1 collegiate sport, Coach Dorrance has led the UNC women's soccer team to an astounding 18 National Championships. To put this number in perspective, John Wooden, legendary coach of the UCLA men's basketball team and one of the greatest coaches of all time in any sport, coached his team to 10 National Championships. Coach Anson Dorrance's success is truly unprecedented, and it is a testament to his remarkable leadership, vision, and skills.

The women's soccer program at UNC-Chapel Hill has a long and distinguished history of winning and producing some of the best soccer talent in the world. Mia Hamm, Cindy Parlow, Lori Chalupny, and a host of other players started at UNC before going on to excel in national and international competitions like the FIFA World Cup. The players on the 2006 team are no exception. Today, I officially congratulate the Lady Tar Heels for winning the 2006 NCAA Championship, and I wish them the best as they continue to be leaders of women's collegiate soccer.

REMEMBERING AMBASSADOR JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, we learned some sad news this morning. Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, the first woman appointed to serve as permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations and as a member of President Reagan's cabinet and National Security Council, passed away yesterday at age 80. At the time of her death, Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) for Public Policy Research.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues the following statement posted today on the Web site of AEI:

IN MEMORIAM: JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK, 1926-2006

AEI senior fellow Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, who joined the Institute in 1978, died yesterday.

As a young political scientist at Georgetown University, Kirkpatrick wrote the first major study of the role of women in modern politics, *Political Woman*, which was published in 1974. Her work on the McGovern-Fraser Commission, which was formed in the aftermath of the Democratic Party's tumultuous 1968 convention and changed the way party delegates were chosen, led to *Dismantling the Parties: Reflections on Party Reform and Party Decomposition*, which AEI published in 1978.

Yet it was an essay written for *Commentary* magazine in 1979, "Dictatorships and Double Standards" (later expanded into a full-length book), that launched her into the political limelight. In the article, Kirkpatrick chronicled the failures of the Carter administration's foreign policy and argued for a clearer understanding of the American national interest. Her essay matched Ronald Reagan's instincts and convictions, and when he became president, he appointed her to represent the United States at the United Nations. Ambassador Kirkpatrick was a member of the president's cabinet and the National Security Council. The United States has lost a great patriot and champion of freedom, and AEI mourns our beloved colleague.

Mr. Speaker, I also submit for the record a short biography of Ambassador Kirkpatrick published by AEI:

[From the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research]

JEANE J. KIRKPATRICK, SENIOR FELLOW

Jeane J. Kirkpatrick was the first woman appointed to serve as permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations and as a member of Ronald Reagan's Cabinet and National Security Council. She served as a member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (1985-1990) and the Defense Policy Review Board (1985-1993), and she also chaired the Secretary of Defense Commission on Fail Safe and Risk Reduction of the Nuclear Command and Control System (1992). Dr. Kirkpatrick headed the U.S. delegation to the Human Rights Commission in 2003.

For this and related government service, Dr. Kirkpatrick was awarded the Medal of Freedom—the Nation's highest civilian honor—in May 1985 and received her second Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal—the highest civilian honor of the Department of Defense—in December 1992. In 2002, the Council on Foreign Relations established the Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Chair in National Security, and in 1999 the Kennedy School at Harvard University established the Kirkpatrick Chair in International Affairs. She has held the Leavey Chair of Government at Georgetown University from 1978.

For her work on NATO enlargement, Vaclav Havel, president of the Czech Republic, awarded her the Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Order, the Czech Republic State Decoration (1998), and H.E. Arpad Göncz, president of Hungary, presented her with the Hungarian Presidential Gold Medal (1999). For other work, she received the 50th Anniversary Friend of Zion Award from the prime minister of Israel (1998); the Casey Medal of Honor from the Center for Security Studies (1998); the Grand Officier Du Wissam Al Alaoui Medal from the king of Morocco (2000); and the Living Legends Medal from the librarian of the Library of Congress (2000).

Dr. Kirkpatrick has received many other awards and decorations, including: the Award of the Commonwealth Fund; the Gold Medal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Hubert H. Humphrey Award of the American

Political Science Association; the Christian A. Herter Award of the Boston World Affairs Association; the Morgenthau Award of the American Council on Foreign Policy; the Humanitarian Award of B'nai B'rith; the Defender of Jerusalem Award; and honorary degrees from more than a dozen and a half universities.

After her service in the U.S. government, she returned to her previous positions as Leavey Professor of Government at Georgetown University and as senior fellow at AEI. Dr. Kirkpatrick also writes and speaks on a range of issues concerning foreign policy and security affairs and participates in the ongoing dialogue on public issues.

Dr. Kirkpatrick's published works include: *Good Intentions* (2003); *The Withering Away of the Totalitarian State*; *Legitimacy and Force* (2 vols.); *The Reagan Phenomenon*; *Dictatorships & Double Standards*; *Dismantling the Parties: Reflections on Party Reform and Party Decomposition*; *The New Presidential Elite*; *Political Woman*; and *Leader and Vanguard in Mass Society: A Study of Peronist Argentina*. She is also the author of numerous monographs and articles.

Dr. Kirkpatrick received an A.B. from Barnard College, M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, and studied at the Institut de Science Politique in Paris.

IN HONOR OF MARY PITTMAN

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a well-known and respected Grayson County citizen, businesswoman and politician, Mary Pittman, who passed away on September 30 at her Van Alstyne home.

Mary was active in the Grayson County Republican Party. A participant at all levels, she hosted numerous Republican events at her home. She was a friend and advisor to me and many others who sought her assistance in their political campaigns and in their performance of official duties.

Mary was born in Commerce, Texas, and moved to Van Alstyne in 1967 where she established Greenbriar Charolais Farms and Mary Pittman's Tea House. She was an active and dedicated member of her community, including membership in the Hurricane Creek Rotary Club, the Grayson County Republican Party and Daughters of the American Revolution. Mary's many contributions to these and other endeavors will be long remembered and appreciated.

Survivors include her daughters, DeeAnn Cummings, Robin Reynolds Burns and husband Bill, and Janet Cooley and husband James, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. As a lasting memorial to this wonderful mother and grandmother, the family established a Mary Pittman Scholarship Fund benefiting students at Grayson County College.

As the 109th Congress comes to a close, let us remember those Americans who contribute so much of their time and talent to their communities and to our democracy—Americans such as Mary Pittman whose efforts help keep America strong.

TRIBUTE ON THE RETIREMENT OF GEORGE GOULD

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, through rain, sleet, and snow George Gould has been a Voice of reason in a complex and significant area of American life—the delivery of our mail.

George's professionalism, integrity, and expertise have been real assets to both the National Association of Letter Carriers and the United States Postal Service. It is no coincidence that in the 27 years George has served NALC, relations between the 300,000 employees represented by NALC and the USPS have been harmonious. George's contributions to making the USPS the most efficient and reliable public postal service in the world have been significant.

In fact, George is the longest-serving lobbyist in NALC's history, and served two NALC presidents as Assistant for Legislative and Political Affairs. Before joining the union in 1979, he worked for 15 years on Capitol Hill, the last three as the staff director of the House Subcommittee on Postal Operations and Services.

Over the years, George served as chairman of the FAIR Coalition (the Fund for Assuring an Independent Retirement), a postal-federal employee grouping that fought to protect and enhance federal employee pensions and other benefits.

George's work for NALC helped bring about greater political freedom for federal workers through the reform of the Hatch Act in 1993 and has advanced the cause of postal reform legislation. Indeed, it is a fitting tribute to George that Congress on this very day stands ready to complete its work on this critical legislation.

"America's letter carriers have benefitted tremendously from George's many years of service as NALC's chief lobbyist on Capitol Hill," said NALC President William H. Young.

I wish George, my friend for almost three decades, and his wife Diane, nothing but happiness and success as they enter the next chapter of their lives.

HONORING JEAN JUSKE

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the contributions that my constituent, Ms. Jean Juske, has made to her community. For more than 25 years, she has served as an officer with the Brickyard Seniors Club, and for the past few years she has served as that organization's President.

The Brickyard is an important organization for seniors in northwest Chicago that provides opportunities for socializing, community activism, and education. As President for the past several years, Jean Juske made sure that Brickyard members had lively meetings on the first and third Monday of the month that featured not only bingo games and other activities, but also included guest speakers and visits from elected officials.

Ms. Juske also arranged holiday dinners, special events, and day trips to regional points of interest. During her tenure at the Brickyard, Ms. Juske developed an expertise in a variety of programs and benefits designed for senior citizens, and served as a first point of contact for members who needed assistance.

Ms. Juske has provided a valuable service as a President of the Brickyard Seniors Club, and I would like to express my deep appreciation to her.

IN HONOR OF MARTIN GOLD

HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and reflect on the passing of Martin Gold of the Bronx, New York. He was 90 years old.

On October 3, 2006, Martin left us for a better place, leaving behind his wife Helen, a son Robert Mariconi, many friends and admirers, and a far better Bronx thanks to his tireless advocacy.

Martin Gold was a passionate advocate of senior citizens, veterans, and the overall beautification of the Bronx.

He was the longtime Legislative Chairman for the Aging in America Community Services, Senior Center in the Bronx.

He fought against the privatization of Social Security, the prescription drug plan that created a donut-hole and left millions of seniors without coverage, cuts to Medicare and other senior services programs.

Martin was also a leader in fighting for additional benefits and better and more respectful treatment for veterans, including greater access to health care and ensuring waiting lists at VA hospitals disappeared.

He himself served our Nation proudly in the United States Navy for 8 years aboard the *Valley Forge*.

He would often write to me, organize petition drives and speak to myself and my staff about important bills and the need to look out for seniors and veterans in Congress.

Additionally, he was a true champion for a greater Bronx, himself organizing anti-graffiti campaigns to beautify the borough—a campaign he launched in 1994, when he was 78 years old.

In the neighborhoods around Pelham Parkway North, he would monitor 50 mailboxes to keep them clean. The Post Office gives him the specific shades of blue and green paints for the boxes, and a local neighborhood association donates the brushes and other supplies.

It was these efforts that led our former Bronx Borough President to award him the "Quality of Life Award".

He was one of the great Bronx residents who is changing the minds of America about what type of place the Bronx is. The Bronx that Howard Cosell referenced is not the Bronx that Martin Gold left us.

We have the second largest public park in the City, Pelham Park, and serve as home to the Bronx Zoo and the Bronx Botanical Garden.

The Bronx is also home to over 1.4 million people and so many lovely communities from City Island to Throggs Neck to Co-op City.